

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : GODFREY, James William  
Filing No. : 10/543,049  
Filing Date : July 21, 2005  
Title : *Fixation Device*  
  
Group / Art Unit : 3771  
Examiner : OSTRUP, Clinton T.  
  
Confirmation No. : 3927  
  
Docket No. : PB60017USw

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL  
SUBMITTED UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Sir:

This Amendment After Final is submitted in order to respond to the Final Office Action mailed November 20, 2009, for which a 3 month period for response was indicated. This paper is timely filed on or before Monday, February 22, 2010.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance forthwith. Alternatively, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment After Final as narrowing the issues on appeal. This Amendment is accompanied by a Notice of Appeal.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge any fees or credit any overpayment, particularly including any fees required under 37 CFR §1.16 or §1.17, and any necessary extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 07-1392.

**Amendments to the Claims** appear in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.